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S.P. 26

In Senate, January 9, 1997

An Act to Clarify the School Budget Approval Process.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1307, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1983, c. 485, §13, is further amended to read:

3. **Summary action.** To summarize the action taken on the school budget for the purposes of determining state and local cost sharing, the articles prescribed in chapter 605-~~shall~~ 606 must also be voted upon.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1307, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Budget explanation. The warrant may include an explanation of the relationship between warrant articles authorizing specific line item expenditures as provided in subsection 1 and the articles prescribed in chapter 606 summarizing the budget proposal.

SUMMARY

This bill allows school units to clarify the relationship between the warrant articles authorizing specific line item expenditures and the warrant articles summarizing the 3 major types of expenditures. The purpose of the bill is also to avoid confusion that arises when voters approve specific line items but not the overall budget, or vice versa, leaving the status of the school budget unclear. The bill also corrects a cross-reference.